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College teams up with St. Andrews

Universities will offer joint degree program

By **MIKE CRUMP**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The College of William and Mary is in the process of developing a joint-degree program with St. Andrews University.

Plans for the program will allow the first students to be accepted for the 2010-2011 academic year. The decision was publicly announced at a Board of Visitors meeting last month.

In the tentative program, accepted students would spend two years on campus at the College and two at the famed Scotland university, culminating in a single degree bearing the seals of both schools. Similar programs at other universities in the past have given separate degrees from the institutions involved.

Under the current plan, students would spend their first year at their home university and the second year across the ocean. The remaining two years would be split between the two schools, though the order would be up to the student.

Reves Center Director Laurie Koloski said this method would allow students to feel a sense of belonging at both institutions, and avoid a sense of reclusion from either community. The advantages, she said, are boundless.

“What better way is there to prepare students to live, thrive and lead in a global society than to carry out a degree in a truly international program?” Koloski said.

The joint-degree system is still emerging and developing in undergraduate studies, though many graduate schools offer similar programs. Currently the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the National University of Singapore offer the only international joint-degree in the United States.

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Obama puts alumni in top positions

Christina Romer '81 will help decide president's economic policy

By **JESSICA KAHLENBERG**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

President-elect Barack Obama appointed Christina D. Romer '81 as Chairwoman of the Council of Economic Advisers on Nov. 24.

Romer, currently an economics professor at the University of California-Berkeley, advised Obama on economic policy issues during his presidential campaign. She is an expert in recessions, particularly the Great Depression, and spe-

cializes in research on economic growth, inflation, tax cuts and government spending, according to The New York Times.

Romer could not be reached by The Flat Hat for comment.

Economics professor Robert Archibald, who taught Romer as an undergraduate at the College of William and Mary, said Romer did not take the typical path toward becoming an economics major.

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Romer '81



Gates '65

Robert Gates '65 to continue as Secretary of Defense

By **ISSHIN TESHIMA**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates '65 will keep his post at the Pentagon.

At a press conference yesterday, President-elect Barack Obama announced his security appointments, which included the retention of Gates.

According to government professor Lawrence Wilkerson, Obama was able to accomplish several goals

with his reappointment of Gates.

“It’s a very interesting move by President-elect Obama,” Wilkerson said. “It’s a very astute political move because in one fell swoop, he does several things that are key.”

Obama successfully brought a prominent — but not oppositional — Republican into the team, Wilkerson said. According to the chief of staff to former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Obama was also able

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THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT IS HERE



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

A wreath adorns the Governor's Palace entry in Colonial Williamsburg. The historic area's holiday activities officially begin Sunday, Dec. 7, with the Grand Illumination celebration.

For Colonial Williamsburg, history is going virtual

By **ADAM LERNER**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Researchers at U.Va. create a digital version of 1776 Williamsburg

In three years, a walk to your computer could bring you closer to Colonial Williamsburg than a walk down Duke of Gloucester Street.

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Institute for Advanced

Technology in the Humanities at the University of Virginia have teamed up to create Virtual Williamsburg, a digital replica of Williamsburg in 1776.

The first phase of the project, which has received a \$943,000 grant from the

Institute of Museum and Library Services, will model the interiors and exteriors of five key buildings from the east end of town: the Douglass Theater, the Capitol, the Public Records Office, the coffeehouse site — actually a store and residence in 1776 — and the Raleigh Tavern. The first phase will also model the exteriors of an additional 23 buildings along DoG Street.

The Douglass Theater, which no longer stands, is the first building to be completed. As an eighteenth century playhouse, the Douglass Theater can be reconstructed in the virtual realm more accurately than if it were to be physically reconstructed because of restrictive modern building codes.

“We’ve got things like air conditioning and [a] modern fire code, but they’re things we can address in the virtual world that we simply can’t in the physical reconstruction,” project manager and Director of the Center for Digital History Lisa Fischer M.A. '01 said.

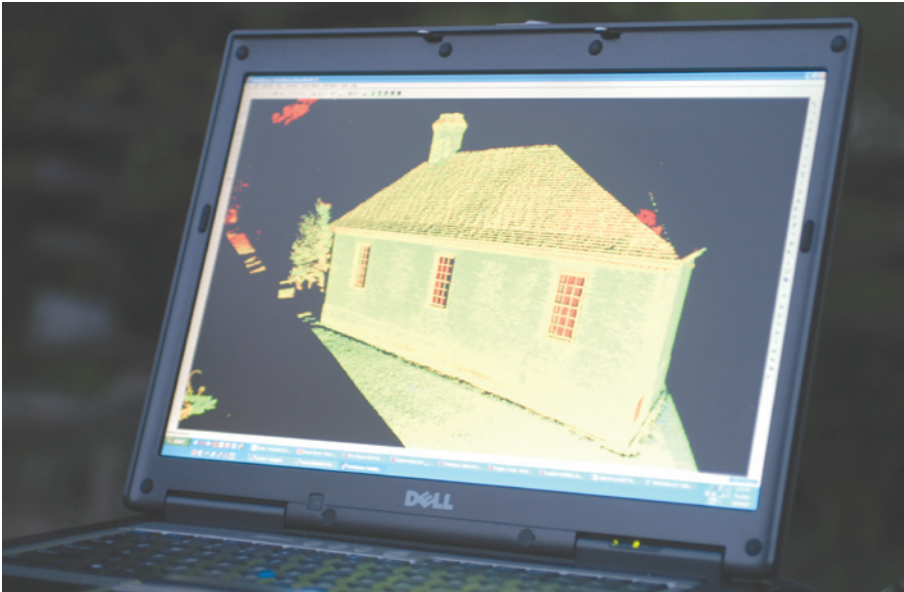
Some of the models, such as the still-standing Public Records Office,

will be based on three-dimensional laser data capture of the physical buildings, while buildings that no longer exist or changed structurally since 1776, such as the Douglass Theater and the Capitol, will have to be hand-made

from archaeological and architectural records. The image-based models will be accurate to three millimeters while the record-based models will be as accurate as the best historical hypotheses.

The Capitol building today was

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COURTESY PHOTO — LISA FISCHER

Buildings that currently exist, such as the Public Records office, a model of which is being created on the screen above, can be scanned by a laser within three millimeters of accuracy.



COURTESY PHOTO — LISA FISCHER

The Douglass Theater is the first building to be completely digitized; it was reconstructed from historical documents. Online visitors will be able to tour the inside of the theater.

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Weather

Tuesday




High 52°
Low 31°

Wednesday



High 54°
Low 37°

Thursday



High 57°
Low 32°

Source: www.weather.com

News in brief

Williamsburg police make prostitution ring arrests

The James City County Police Department made several arrests in connection with a prostitution ring on Nov. 21, according to The Daily Press. The raid took place in a home on Richmond Road, less than two miles from the Prime Outlets in Williamsburg.

Law enforcement found several people in the house allegedly tied to a similar operation in Newport News. According to JCCPD spokesman Mike Spearman, officials believe the women were brought across state lines to work as prostitutes, and charges were pressed against five people whom police believe were working illegally in the country.

Group challenges U.Va. sexual assault procedure

The University of Virginia has changed its procedure requiring sexual assault victims to agree to a confidentiality pledge to find out the results of their assailants’ judicial hearings, according to trade publication Inside Higher Ed. The complaint was filed to the Department of Education by Security on Campus, a violence prevention nonprofit, on behalf of a student who wanted to find out the results of hearings of an assailant she brought charges against but did not want to agree to the confidentiality requirement.

The university said that federal privacy regulations necessitated the confidentiality requirement, but the education department argued that this was not the case. According to a spokeswoman, the university is investigating the finding from the education department.

City wins environmental award

The City of Williamsburg’s Public Works and Utilities Shop Complex has been designated an Extraordinary Environmental Enterprise by the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program, according to a press release. The City’s Public Works Department is the only public works department in the state to receive such a recognition.

“City Council has made environmental sustainability a major focus for our community, and receiving this prestigious recognition from the state is an important accomplishment in the city’s sustainability efforts,” Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler said.

— by Bertel King, Jr.

By the Numbers

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The number of albums released by Britney Spears in the last 10 years. Her latest album, “Circus,” was released today, her 27th birthday. Its singles include “Womanizer” and “Circus.”

83 million

The number of Spears’ records sold worldwide. In addition, 31 million certified albums have been sold, making her the eighth best-selling female artist of all time.

800

The number of awards won by Spears. These include Top Searched Artist, two Gold Raspberry Awards and multiple Best International Female Artist Awards. In addition, Spears holds multiple Guinness World Records.

— by Ameya Jammi

STREET BEAT

How much did you eat for your Thanksgiving meal?



“I ate more spaghetti than turkey.”

Bobak Kasrai '09



“I lost count after my second serving of mashed potatoes.”

Molly Weisblatt '11



“I ate as much as you could fit on a magic carpet. That’s a lot.”

William B. Morris III '11



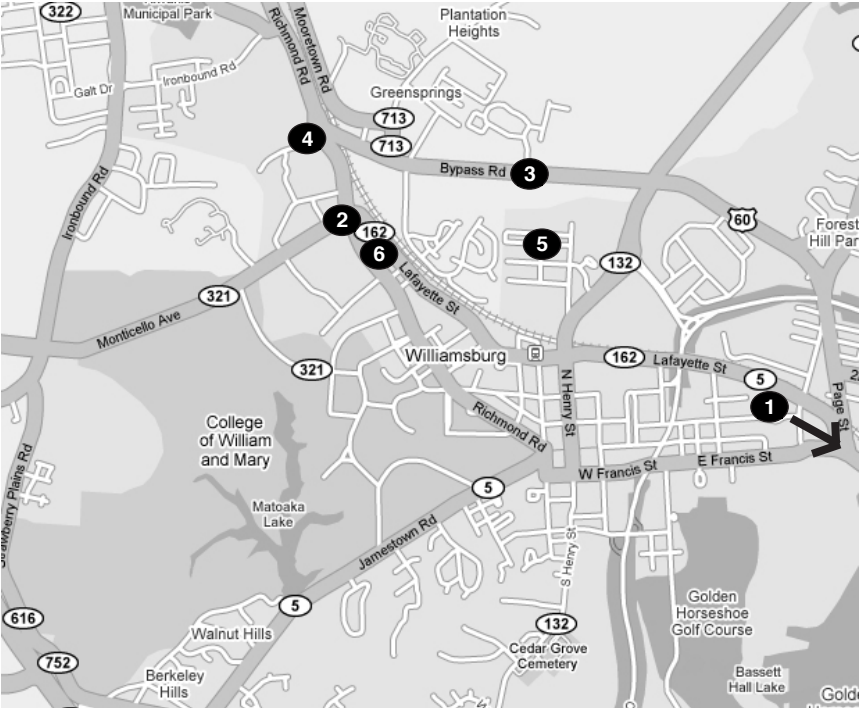
“I had three plates of food on Thanksgiving, all in the course of five hours.”

Jenise Lacks '11

— photos and interviews by Maral Noori-Moghaddam

CITY POLICE BEAT

Nov. 20 to Nov. 30



COURTESY GRAPHIC — GOOGLE MAPS

- Thursday, Nov. 20** — An individual was arrested on the 200 block of York St. for alleged vandalism. **1**
- Friday, Nov. 21** — A 55-year-old male was arrested on the 1300 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly shoplifting. **2**
- Sunday, Nov. 23** — A 20-year old male was arrested on the 300 block of Bypass Rd. for possession of marijuana. **3**
- Friday, Nov. 28** — A 46-year-old male was arrested on the 200 block of New Hope Rd. for alleged domestic assault. **4**
- A 41-year-old female was arrested on the 200 block of New Hope Rd. for alleged domestic assault. **4**
- Saturday, Nov. 29** — A 56 year-old female was arrested on the 500 block of Roycroft St. for alleged domestic assault. **5**
- A 44-year-old male was arrested on the 500 block of Roycroft St. for alleged domestic assault. **5**
- Sunday, Nov. 30** — A 22-year-old male was arrested on the 1200 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly driving under the influence. **6**

— compiled by Bertel King, Jr.

Historians to create virtual C.W. model

3D models of historic locations will benefit public and professionals

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modeled after a pre-1747 version rather than the version that stood in 1776, when the virtual recreation is set.

Virtual Williamsburg, Fischer said, will be useful to the public and to academics.

“In addition to being interesting to the public, and something they can use, it’s also going to be a tool for scholars to use to learn about the town,” she said. “It’s a new way for us to connect up information that right now is in a lot of disparate places.”

Furthermore, the virtual models will give historians a convenient method to carry out research.

“There are things that, by creating a virtual model of [a building], we can actually test. We can look at crowds and how many people you can actually get in [to a building],” Fischer said. “We can create [a virtual building] as accurately as we can, but that’s not something we can necessarily do in a physical construction. We could get close, but there are things we would have to do to meet modern building codes.”

According to Fischer, possible public applications of Virtual Williamsburg include handheld devices to accompany tourists, online videos and even interactive modules.

“We could do something like Second Life where you could actually have avatars in there, you could actually interact — meet Thomas Jefferson on the street,” Fischer said.

Director of the U.Va. Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities Bernard Frischer returned last week from two press conferences in Rome involving a similar project he organized called “Rome Reborn,” a virtual recreation of 7,000 buildings in Rome circa 320 A.D., which has

just been published on Google Earth. He thinks Virtual Williamsburg could eventually be published on Google Earth as well.

“The project is not aimed at Google Earth in the first instance, but once the 3D model is finished — which will doubtless take at least three to four years — we can see about publishing a version of it there,” Frischer said.

While the first phase should take three years, Frischer predicts that a complete model of Virtual Williamsburg could take five to ten years, depending on funding.

“The desire to do the project is there, the know-how is there, the experience [is there], and so the limiting factor is simply money,” Fischer said. “Right now we’re going to have two modelers full-time working on this for the next three years. If we could have ten modelers working on it for the next three or four or five years, we could do the whole thing.”

Romer appointed advisor

Alum to be member of Obama administration

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“Christina decided she liked economics, but had taken Principles of Economics as a sophomore and went abroad junior year,” Archibald said. “I taught her in summer school and was a member of her honors committee.”

Archibald said Romer struck him as extremely intelligent, and that she stood out among her peers, especially during her senior year.

“She was extraordinarily bright, level-headed and very quick to laugh. Everyone liked her,” Archibald said. “Where she set herself above other students was the research that went into her doctoral presentation.”

Archibald explained that her paper examined the notion that the government was responsible for the decrease in fluctuation rates of unemployment after World War II — an idea Romer challenged. She argued that the stable unemployment rates were because of the change in the way rates were measured. She tested this theory by replicating old techniques on new data and inferred that there may not actually have been more stabil-

ity in the economy after all.

After she left the College, Romer received her doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she met her husband, David Romer, who is also an economist.

“She married her colleague in grad school, who was an equally distinguished economist,” Archibald said. “They’re quite the high-powered couple. Their dinner conversations must be amazing.”

Economics professor Oliver Coibion took Introduction to Economics under Romer at UC-Berkeley and said she was very clear in her lessons and made economics seem easy and intuitive.

“She’s really good,” Coibion said. “It was an outstanding choice of Obama to appoint her to the Council of Economic Advisers.”

Romer was involved in some controversy earlier this year after Harvard University President Drew Faust vetoed a job offer extended to her by the university’s economics department. Her husband subsequently turned down a separate offer for a position at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

Gates to stay on as Secretary Defense

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to establish a sense of continuity in the Defense Department’s involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan and military policy in general. Finally, Wilkerson said the choice to keep Gates onboard allows Obama to bring whomever he prefers into the position of defense secretary sometime in the near future.

Wilkerson said that Gates was a transitional figure, and not one that is expected to stay on for too long in his new position. He added that transitional figures are frequently appointed during a state of crisis.

“I can’t think of a prominent minister other than [Franklin Roosevelt’s Secretary of War Henry] Stimson who has been asked to stay on in a change of parties,” Wilkerson said. “But I also can’t think of a set of circumstances like the ones we currently confront in history.”

Wilkerson cited the current economic crisis and the overextension of troops in Iraq and Afghanistan as key circumstances that likely led Obama to select a transitional figure.

“I think it’s fair to say that America has never confronted the specific challenges that it confronts today,” he said. “And that’s not [as] profound as the fact that these challenges are republic-ending, empire-ending challenges. We’re talking about serious repercussions if we don’t meet any of these challenges.”

He also mentioned that keeping Gates as a transitional figure was a good move simply because of the size of the Defense Department and the power that it holds in Washington.

“Practically speaking and politically speaking, it’s a good move,” he said.



JOHN F. KIRN III — THE FLAT HAT
The Student Assembly provided funding for a tailgate to help campus police communicate with students.

SA sponsors tailgate to help police meet students

By DANIEL CARLOMANY
The Flat Hat

The Student Assembly and the College of William and Mary Police Department made steps toward improving student-police relationships through holding a tailgate before the football game against the University of Richmond Nov. 22.

According to Police Chief Don Challis, the officers intended the tailgate to “break the evil image” that some students attach to the force. They wanted to meet students outside of a police encounter and hoped to show that police officers were regular people.

Sen. Ross Gillingham ’10, the sponsor of the bill that funded the event, meant for the tailgate to be an informal forum to bring students and police together to express their views regarding each other’s role on campus.

“There are some extreme opinions about the police on campus,” Gillingham said. “We wanted to give students the opportunity to see the police from a different perspective, or at least to directly discuss their grievances.”

Many officers said they were puzzled at the common student perception of the police as harsh enforcers of what some perceive to be banal laws.

“If students don’t draw attention to themselves, if we don’t see anything wrong, then there isn’t a problem,” Officer James Baez-Am said.

Challis echoed the sentiment, citing statistics that students are far less likely to be arrested at the College than at other area universities, and that most arrests are made as a result of alcohol.

“I think we have a good relationship with

the student body,” Challis said. “We don’t have couches set on fire or furniture thrown on front yards. This is a college town, though, and there are going to be some parties. But it’s not our job to harass students; we are supposed to protect them. [However], if we see somebody stumbling home drunk, and we let them go and they get hit by a bus, then we are responsible.”

All the members of the force agreed that they enjoy their job on the police force and that the students are generally well-behaved.

Groups of students filtered in and out of the tailgate. None left, however, without being urged to consume multiple plates of food and talk with the officers.

Although most of the interviewed students came to the tailgate with generally positive impressions of the police, the majority had never before taken the time to have a discussion with an officer.

Charles Crimmins J.D. ’10 relished the opportunity to mingle with the local police.

“[Officer Israel Velasquez] and I reminisced over our college days,” Crimmins said.

Andrew Noll ’10 told bystanders that he “came for the free food,” but stayed for the opportunity to meet the police in an amiable way.

Sammy Hamiddin ’09 summarized the student consensus about the tailgate.

“It’s very important to get to know the cops,” Hamiddin said. “Normally, people see the badge and run, but the cops here aren’t out to get us. They just have a job to ensure our safety. They are all nice people.”

Gillingham expressed interest in making student-police tailgates a regular occurrence. He also spoke of the possibility that a more formal forum for student — police discussion may be held in the future.

College to offer joint-degree Program with St. Andrews could begin in 2010

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Koloski said the College was approached by St. Andrews in 2006 to initiate a similar program.

Faculty within the departments of English, economics, history and international relations have been working with their counterparts at St. Andrews to develop joint curricula to tap into resources at both schools. Through conference calls, e-mails and school visits, professors and deans have looked for where there might be overlap, and where each school has its own merits.

History chair Philip Daileader said the program would be advantageous to students who wished to delve into programs not very well covered in their own country due to lack of general interest or training. For instance, almost half of the history faculty at St. Andrews is trained in the medieval era, while Daileader said he is the sole professor at the College with medieval era credentials. Similarly, British students wishing to pursue American studies or history focusing on colonial times might be lured to the College.

Current plans keep the program relatively small, with five to six students in each academic major accepted per year, allowing for approximately 80 to 100 students on each side of the Atlantic. Numbers would have the potential to grow, Koloski said, as more academic departments worked to develop joint-curricula.

Koloski said one challenge encountered has been the successful merging of two seemingly irreconcilable educational systems.

The British academic system currently follows an “honors” curriculum, in which college applicants apply to their schools with majors already decided, allowing for a much more focused course of study. As a result, nearly half of all courses taken in British universities pertain to the student’s major. This came into conflict with the College’s liberal arts emphasis,

in which about a quarter of classes taken are major-relevant.

“We’re very aware of that tension,” College Provost Geoff Feiss said. “At the end of the day we have the [College] faculty guarding the essential character of the American liberal arts curriculum, and the St. Andrews faculty guarding the essential character of the British honors system.”

The result, Feiss said, would likely be a course load designed to be more generalized than British students are accustomed to, but more focused than the typical American course load.

He said because of the nature of the program, much more time would need to be spent in logistics planning. Tuition and fees, for instance, would need to be negotiated by both schools to ensure a system that is economically self-supporting and sustainable. He also said the cost would have to be the same for both schools.

While Koloski said support from the College community for the joint-degree has been overwhelmingly positive, English Department Chair Jack Martin said he wants to ensure the program is appropriate for his department. With in-state tuition unlikely to be an option, he says the program may not be cost-effective.

“We haven’t ruled it out, we just want to make sure this is worth the students’ tuition,” he said. “What’s the difference between studying Shakespeare here versus at St. Andrews?”

The Virginia Institute for Marine Science is also considering a partnership with St. Andrews’s Marine Mammal Program, though talks to date have been limited and largely speculative. VIMS Director and Dean of the School of Marine Science John Wells said St. Andrews’ program would complement VIMS, as the school focuses primarily on non-mammalian life.

“[The partnership] allows both students and faculty to give a greater depth and breadth [to research], making the whole program better than the sum of its parts,” Wells said.

Prof. put on carbon team

By BERTEL KING, Jr.
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Professor Deborah Bronk of the College of William and Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science has been chosen to work in the group charged with deciding the nation’s strategy for carbon-cycle research in the coming decade.

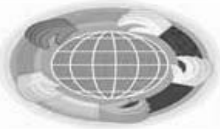
Bronk will serve a two-year term on the Carbon Cycle Science Working Group.

Understanding the global carbon cycle is essential to the nation’s ability to predict, monitor and respond to climate change and global warming.

“There’s no comparison between what we know now and what we knew 10 years ago,” Bronk said. “The field has just exploded, and our new knowledge has raised many new issues and questions.”

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STAFF EDITORIAL

College offers foreign exchange

Students at the College of William and Mary have been studying abroad for quite awhile now, but the creation of a joint degree program with the University of St. Andrews in Scotland offers them a new kind of experience abroad — the kind you can count in years, not weeks. More often than not, study abroad lasts just a semester, or sometimes less than a month. These programs can become a kind of extended vacation, leaving students searching for something more. In addition, the need to satisfy major requirements and GERs and the hassle of transferring credit from institutions abroad dampen even the most eager spirits. The new program promises to eliminate much of the red tape while providing a more fulfilling experience.

When the program comes online, 160 to 200 students at St. Andrews and the College will trade places. The size of the program allows even those who don't participate to benefit from sharing classes with their foreign peers. And, after all, it's that kind of exposure that comprises a large part of study abroad's allure, and part of the intent with these programs is to make the College more attractive to prospective students. At a time when extended experience in a foreign land has become all but a life essential, this joint project represents a true commitment to building global understanding in a new generation.

The staff editorial represents the opinion of The Flat Hat. The editorial board, which is elected by The Flat Hat's section editors and executive staff, consists of Austin Wright, Jeff Dooley, Alice Hahn, Brian Mahoney and Andy Peters.

Freedom has no qualifiers

Alexander Powell

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



On Nov. 18, The Virginia Informer published a column, "Ignorance and Arrogance on Display in Attacks on Veterans Day Celebration," in which the author's sentiment caused me to feel no small amount of trouble in my heart.

Let me first say that I truly believe that the Informer is a great newspaper; I write for it often. Thus, this column is by no means an attack on the paper or its staff, nor is it an attack on the author, Lance Zaal '09. I have every reason to believe that he is an upright and honorable man. I sincerely thank him for his service to our country and encourage all students to do the same.

Yet, Zaal's comment gave me great pause: "Those who have not served, experienced combat or, at the very least, earned the right to wear the uniform, have no place to lecture about honor to those who have." As I read this it caused me to think about the nature of honor and public speech in our society. Being a confirmed right-winger, I felt it my duty to cry havoc on this sentiment that the only honor available is martial honor.

There is great honor in serving your country bravely and with distinction, but there is also honor in other things. Being a good parent, neighbor or sibling has its honor. Volunteering for the Peace Corps or at a local soup kitchen is honorable. Even just being a good citizen who obeys the laws and stands up for his or her beliefs has its honor, too. To say that the only source of honor comes from fighting

discredits the work of so many good people who give their lives to help others off the battlefield — people who have a right to lecture on honor. It is indeed a frightening sentiment expressed by Zaal.

Secondly, the notion that people need a right to lecture or write on their feelings is blatantly against the very foundations of this noble republic. The simple fact that we are American citizens gives us a right to make our opinions heard, and we should never be silenced by either side, left or right. Free and open conversation is the lifeblood of a healthy republic.

The idea that all non-military people should shut their mouths and fall in line behind those in uniform is a toxic notion. I feel that it is necessary to remind readers that if this idea were

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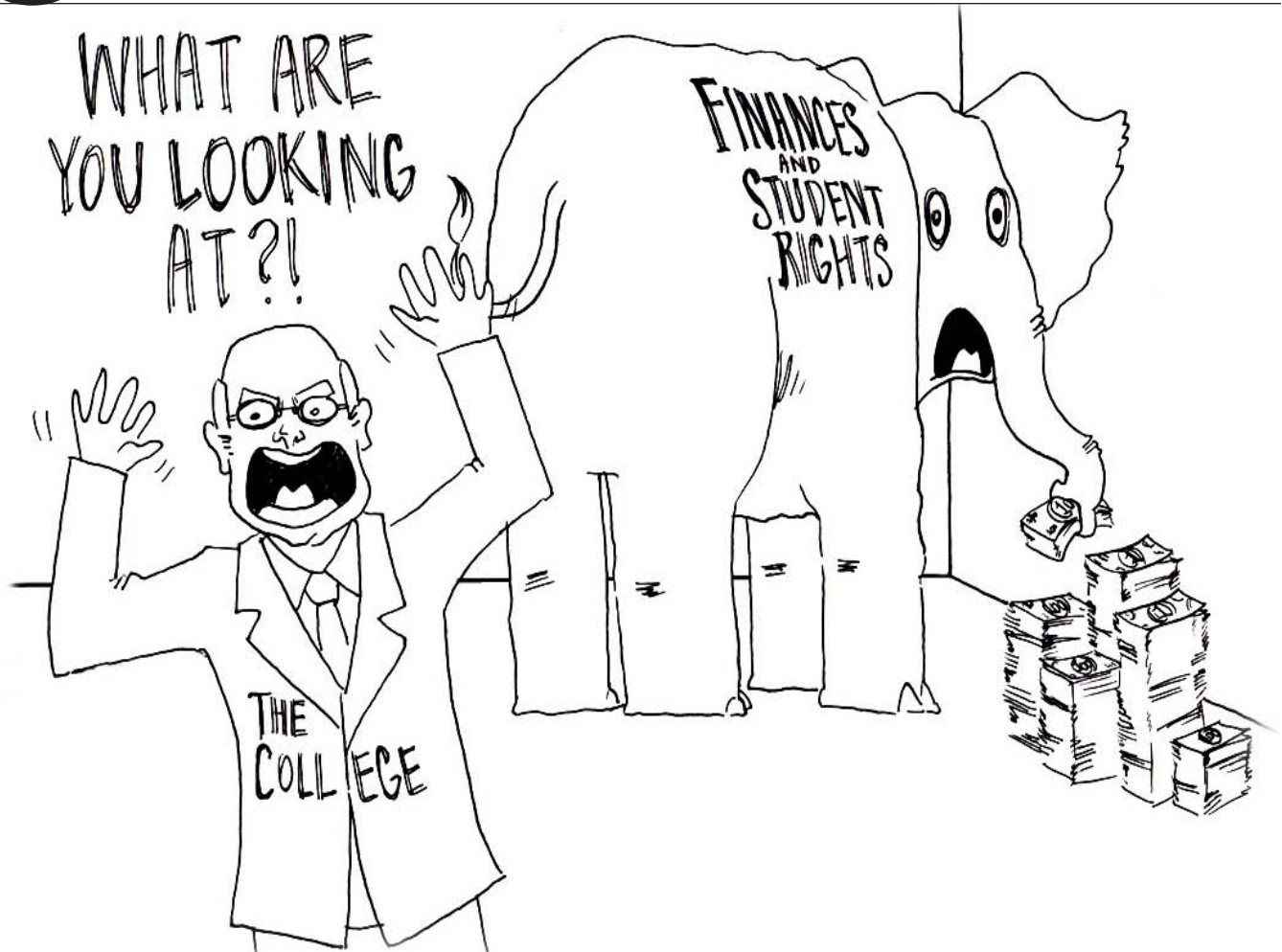
always followed, then the United States never would have been born — writers like John Adams and Thomas Paine would have

never picked up their pens and ignited a nation's soul. These men had no combat experience at the time, and many of them never would, but surely their opinions expressed in print were and still are valid.

The great philosopher Voltaire once said, "I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it." This must be our maxim in political discussions, or else all is lost. The right to lecture and openly discuss the merits of ideas such as justice, truth and honor must be held sacrosanct by we students at the College of William and Mary, regardless of political affiliation or how much we think we are right.

We must remember and hold it in our heart that our true enemies are not those with whom we disagree, but rather those who will allow no disagreement.

Alexander Powell is a junior at the College.



By VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Solving the problems of this semester

Alexander Ely

FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



Nobody likes December. For most of us, Virginia's excuse for winter weather becomes as unpredictable as our sleep patterns, as final exams, term papers and job or graduate school applications make stress-free moments hard to come by. You'll probably have better luck finding people drinking at Swem than at the Delis. Aside from the usual shenanigans of Blowout — sorry, the last day of classes — the next few weeks don't promise to be very much fun.

Aside from individual stress and troubles, however, the College of William and Mary community faces several important challenges as we wind down this fall semester. It's hard to predict what news headlines will dominate the College next spring. If history is any lesson, College President Taylor Reveley could remove the statue of Thomas Jefferson overnight in order to be more accommodating to Northern Virginia residents who did not get into the University of Virginia.

The Sex Worker's Art Show will probably come back to campus, and a lot of people will probably get really angry for one reason or another. A committee may be launched by the College to look into the possibility of creating a task force that will explore the potential for our athletic teams and our College to have a mascot. In fact, if you listen, I think you can hear the feet dragging along the floor.

But beyond pure speculation, there are some obvious issues that the student body and the College must tackle during the remainder of the year, and two of them deserve special attention here.

The first critical issue that will face the students of the College next semester — and, for that matter, for the next several years — is the financial condition of our school. State budget cuts, totaling \$4.9 million, forced a faculty and staff hiring freeze. The Board of Visitors recently met to discuss strategic planning, but it remains unclear whether it will announce a new fundraising goal or what other sorts

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of initiatives it will adopt to steer the College in the right direction. A clear, specific fundraising goal — certainly in excess of the \$500 million Campaign for William and Mary that was reached under former College President Gene Nichol — should be announced this spring if the College is to reassure its alumni base, particularly those that were alienated by the problems of the last few years.

While this has proved a controversial topic during my years here, now is when the College needs to give serious consideration to the idea of going private. According to a recent Flat Hat article on the subject, Vice President for Finance Sam Jones said that the privatization discussion is raised "especially during those times when the commonwealth of Virginia is forced to reduce its support due to declining revenue." The obvious question then is how many rocky periods will the College go through before it finally makes the push?

The second issue is that of student rights, and, like many observers have remarked of the troubling economy, it seems that things will get worse before they get better. A recent article in The Virginia Informer revealed that packets of information on student rights, which were supposed to be given to students to better understand their options in judicial cases, never made it out of the Dean of Student's office. Overcome with a bout of in loco parentis, the Dean's Office seems to have decided that Residence Life and Campus Police are incapable of properly fulfilling their jobs and have therefore begun conducting walkthroughs in the Units themselves. During Homecoming, rather than put additional recycling bins or trash cans on Harrison Street, the Office of Student Affairs limited the number of tailgating permits to 10, and was then appalled when people tailgated in the William and Mary Hall parking lot instead.

If things are to improve in this department, somebody has to take a stand. The Council for Fraternity Affairs has proved dreadfully inept at this over the years, so the burden seems to fall to the Student Assembly. Inaction on this issue would be a disservice to many students who regularly deal with the questionable behavior of certain campus officials.

The issues that we each face come and go with each semester. The College's problems rarely do.

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Green Fees provide groundwork for a sustainable future

Lynda Butler
Dennis Taylor

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNISTS



The Nov. 18 Flat Hat editorial "Environmental Budgeting" begins with the assertion that being green is easy, citing the coal industry as an example. The gap between words and deeds could not be more profound. Like Kermit the Frog, the College of William and Mary and the rest of higher education finds it "not that easy being green" — it is a profoundly difficult and challenging prospect. Living sustainably is first and foremost a civic virtue that we are only beginning to accept and understand.

Since last spring, the College has made a number of changes that will enable it to live sustainably. Among students, the growing awareness of environmental issues and the challenges they pose to all our futures emerged as a broad consensus, leading to a student referendum on Green Fees which were

subsequently approved by the Board of Visitors. The Student Environmental Action Coalition led the effort, but it is incorrect to suggest that one student organization unilaterally taxed others to fund an agenda and advance selfish interest. The final vote by undergraduate and graduate students across all of the College's schools, and the BOV's vote of approval, refute that claim.

Early in his tenure as College President, Taylor Reveley published a broad and comprehensive policy on sustainability and appointed a presidential-level Committee on Sustainability to implement that policy and oversee the use of Green Fees. In this academic year, the student contribution from Green Fees will generate approximately \$203,000 (not \$230,000 as the editorial stated). Of this, \$40,000 will be invested in a Green Endowment — approximately \$20,000 for four to five summer research grants offered competitively and open to all undergraduate and graduate students. The remainder will be for funding projects and initiatives like improvements in facilities and operations, financial planning, research and monitoring of

effectiveness and outcomes.

The first round of funding from Green Fees addresses three critical areas for future sustainability: waste management, energy consumption management and landscape management. These are primary areas for concern in any sustainable management strategy. Funded projects include important strategic concepts such as "low hanging fruit," research and education and operational transformation. Picking the

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"low hanging fruit" is important as an initiating strategy, but it is not sufficient in and of itself as a means of achieving a sustainable future. For that, one must innovate and undertake serious study through research and education that leads to permanent operational and cultural transformation. The Flat Hat editorial missed the mark by not recognizing the leveraging that is likely to occur through these initial awards.

The seed money for the solar cell project, for example, will allow our talented physics faculty and students to define the scope of an ambitious external grant proposal and to plan for a larger installation. The one-time allocation for recycling will be accompanied by student research on the costs and benefits of our program. The installation of electric metering at the Randolph Complex will allow the monitoring of electrical usage in comparable residence halls, bringing home the costs of usage to students and improving their understanding of individual lifestyle choices. The stormwater monitoring grant will result in the collection of data critical to effective management of water flow and landscape on the campus.

The award for occupancy sensors will not only pay for itself in 20 months but also serve as a basis of comparison for studies of use patterns in other buildings. All of these grants were awarded by a steering committee consisting of four faculty, two staff, three students and three ex-officio members.

A sustainable future for the College is no ordinary challenge if accepted honestly and without cynicism. We

cannot follow the example of the coal industry. One's vision is important, as is one's commitment. That vision is not bounded by the undergraduate body alone, and neither is it confined within the bounds of Richmond and Jamestown Roads. It is inclusive of the College's graduate schools and their distinct campuses, notably Marshall-Wythe School of Law and Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

As the co-chairs of the Committee on Sustainability, we have found that the commitment is broad and deep. It exists throughout the student body in which students have often led the way in making it possible to address this issue by unselfish commitments of time and resources. It exists in the remarkable way that faculty have risen to give their time and energy to the work of the Committee and to work with students and staff to meet this challenge.

It exists in the commitment and contributions of staff to all levels of this process. This is the College community at its best.

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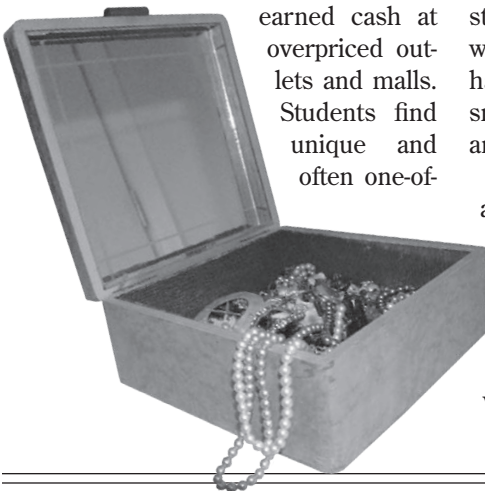
Thrifty threads

Thrift stores offer students a cheaper alternative for clothes and accessories

By ZOE SPEAS
Flat Hat Staff Writer

As she picked up a black velveteen jumpsuit and ran her finger over the heavy fabric, considering each thickly sequined, shoulder-padded blazer carefully, Katherine Nenninger '12 did not see a discarded relic of 1980s fashion. Instead, she saw the centerpiece of what could be a potentially killer Cruella De Vil costume. Despite her status as a self-proclaimed newbie to thrift store shopping, she fit in seamlessly with her surroundings at FISH's costume and vintage clothing sale in the Sadler Center.

Thriftling serves many students at the College of William and Mary as a more economically sound alternative to spending hard-earned cash at overpriced outlets and malls. Students find unique and often one-of-



a-kind books, bags, clothes, electrical equipment and costumes. "I didn't really know what to expect," Nenninger said, "I never knew there were actual thrift stores beyond The Salvation Army in the first place. But I got there and found interesting, vintage outfits that in this day and age could be considered costume."

Nenninger, not a frequenter of thrift stores beyond an occasional donation of clothes to the Salvation Army, discovered the campus FISH store. She needed to find a costume for the Running Club's costumed sprint through Williamsburg, and FISH was her solution.

Several hours into the sale, Nenninger arrived on the scene to find a picked-over selection of antique wedding gowns, sequined pant suits straight from Tammy Faye Baker's wardrobe, and oddly misshapen hats. Around her, seasoned shoppers smirked triumphantly and carried armfuls of early grabs.

Veterans of thrift shopping acknowledge that a keen eye and quirky fashion sense only takes a shopper so far, before luck kicks in. Paige Losen '11 is one such veteran.

"The clothes find you," she said. "Odd trinkets and baubles appear whenever you least expect them."

While she keeps an eye out for older



ALL PHOTOS BY CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Ryan Morris '12 and Sandi Wetzel '11 sift through the racks of consignment clothes at the local Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter second hand shop. CHKD is located off of Monticello Avenue in the Williamsburg Shopping Center.

clothes like lace-trimmed vintage dresses in many of the Williamsburg area stores such as the Disabled American Veterans store, Losen finds her best buys at the local Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter, and often while looking for something else.

For Losen, often the stories behind the items she purchases hold more value than their selling price.

"I look a set of beaded curtains with pandas patterned into them, and I think

to myself: wow, these pandas were in someone else's doorway. I wonder why they're not there anymore," she said. "Or maybe some funky drink glasses. Somebody else drank out of these. What party were they used for, what were they? A wedding present that someone didn't like? Why do I have them now?"

Filled with trophies of successful thrifty splurges, her quad supports various decorations in countless colors

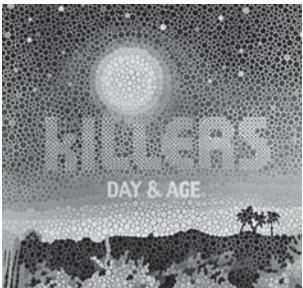
and themes. From her doorway hang curtains depicting pandas munching on branches of bamboo. Designer handbags worth 20 times their marked-down price litter the closet floor. Wineglasses of intricate glasswork tinted to psychedelic colors reminiscent of the 1960s are an especially prized thrift store treasure Losen displays with pride.

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CAPSULE REVIEW

DAY AND AGE THE KILLERS ★★★★★

No one knows the pressure of early acclaim quite like The Killers. After their glam-pop release, "Hot Fuss," in 2004, The Killers succumbed to the siren song of their own success. Frontman Brandon Flower's bewilderingly premature statement that



they'd be the next U2 did nothing to ease The Killers uphill battle against their own accomplishments. With The Killers' 2006 sophomore album "Sam's Town," Flowers tried to do more than churn out track after track

of indie-pop toe-tappers. Sadly, the album played out like an epic tale afflicted with frequent bouts of amnesia — it certainly had a story to tell, but stumbled over the plot a bit too frequently. While the grandiose storytelling bogged down the album, it also served a purpose. If nothing else, "Sam's Town" proved that The Killers would not reuse the "Hot Fuss" formula.

Needless to say, the stakes were high for The Killers's latest release, and yet, for all their presumptions, they were able to pull it off with

"Day and Age." Though the Bowie undertones are almost palpable, the opening track, "Losing Touch," superbly starts the album off with stirring saxophones and a shooting guitar lead. "Tell your friends I'm losing touch," Flowers confesses in what seems like a refreshing attempt at humility.

The Killers strive to breathe new life into their musical repertoire by introducing new sounds and instruments into the album. Though the tribal chants in "This Is Your Life" are jarring at times, the nod to world music energizes the album with a jolt of eccentricity. These diverse sounds culminate in "I Can't Stay," a jumbled but oddly intoxicating concoction of acoustic guitar, saxophone and harp, all flowing together with an undercurrent Caribbean beat.

Much like the style of U2, The Killers close the curtains on the album with "Goodnight, Travel Well," a seven-minute exploration of a melodious, albeit melancholy, dreamland. The forlorn Flowers sings "The universe is standing still / and there's nothing we can do now."

"Day and Age" delivers the sound that hooked fans back in 2004 while still broadening the band's musical horizons. With this latest endeavor, The Killers depart from the glitter-glam image of the past and take a stalwart step out of their own shadow.

— by Virginia Butler

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

College: the perfect sexual paradise

Maya Horowitz
FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



My Thanksgiving break was marred by a harrowing look into our collective sexual future. All of what I'm about to say may be obvious, but I think it bears repeating because most of us forget to think about it.

College is the sexual jackpot. Granted, the College of William and Mary may not be the orgiastic sexual Valhalla that some of us would like it to be, but we've still got things pretty good. With around 5,000 undergraduates, the vast majority of whom are unmarried, finding a coital partner should be as easy as pie (apple pie that's warm and gooey inside).

Now, maybe it hasn't been so easy for you so far. But let's just take a step back and think about this for a second. The sexual environment on the College's campus is unlike anywhere else. There

are thousands of us, independent for the first time in our lives, stuck together in the middle of colonial-nowhere with very little responsibility and a lot of free time. All of our bodies are young, hot, supple, panting, panting, panting, searching, waiting, expecting, seeking release ...

Ahem, I may have digressed. The point is that there are a lot of good-looking people (it's easy to be beautiful when you're young and healthy) living in close quarters. The chances of you living in a sexual environment as fertile as this one ever again are very slim. When we graduate, the balloon bursts (and not in a sexy, cherry-popping sort of way).

If you attend graduate school, you may be surrounded by a large number of individuals again, but many of them will be older or married. Those who are not will still probably have their own thing going on. Chances are, you won't be attending loose sexual dance parties themed "bros and hos" when you're 25.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Kanye struggles to sing through pain, heartache

By GENICE PHILLIPS
Flat Hat Staff Writer

For Kanye West, "The Good Life" has turned into a painful and frustrating letdown. With the sudden death of his mother, Donda West, and his cancelled engagement with fashion designer Alexis Phifer, Kanye has suffered immensely as other musicians sometimes do when faced with mass stardom. Jennifer Hudson, Britney Spears — their personal tragedies and unexpected catastrophes have been documented in magazines and other media outlets everywhere. But instead of quietly grieving or being tested for mental instability, Kanye finds another form of expression, putting forth a new album, "808's and Heartbreak."

His fourth album is a coping mechanism, a far cry from warm, graduating teddy bears and Daft Punk sampling. The whole album is filled with Kanye's distorted singing, assisted by T-Pain's synthesizer ally, Auto-Tune. These days, distortion has become a lush treatment for hip-hop and pop artists, especially useful for disguising their sub-par singing chops for hit records (ahem, Rihanna). Previously making self-righteous boasts, Kanye now hugs the pitch-corrector for its technological, healing abilities. Singing about unsavory, patrolling



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girlfriends and life without stardom, Kanye attempts to blow some air back into his deflated soul. Each track is a moody rendition of Kanye's heartbreak, and the content is all but jovial. His egotistical fame is apparently unsatisfactory, and he sounds depressed. As evidence for this, look at the song titles: "Welcome to Heartbreak,"

"Heartless," "Bad News" and "The Coldest Winter." Is Kanye a little angry or turning emo? If the red, crinkled, heart-shaped balloon on his album cover didn't give it away, then you are missing the point.

Most compelling about this album is the

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CAPSULE REVIEW

I AM ... SASHA FIERCE BEYONCE ★★★★★

I really don't understand why Beyonce wants people to call her "Sasha Fierce." There is no notable difference between Sasha Fierce's music and the songs Beyonce has previously released. If anything, Sasha Fierce just seems like a cheap marketing strategy for people to spend more money on a two-disc CD rather than just buy the typical one-disc CD.

But I digress. "I am ... Sasha Fierce" marks a high point in Beyonce's career; her marriage to mogul Jay-Z and starring roles in blockbusters like "Dreamgirls" and "Goldmember" have allowed Beyonce to take a new direction with her music. Indeed, her marriage must be really enjoyable, as she encourages other females who are in a happy, steady relationship to "put a ring on it." In "Single Ladies," Sasha Fierce takes over for all the crazy fun songs, like "Diva," which uses an insanely catchy yet simple handclap to keep listeners grinding and dancing away. Yet Beyonce completely takes over and reels her fans in with slower, moving ballads. Watch out Leona and Mariah, because with the epic "Halo," arguably the best song on her album, Beyonce shows how truly powerful her voice has become.

The album, while nowhere near as remarkable as her debut "Dangerously in Love," is miles better than her last album, which sounded like it was recorded in only two weeks (Oh wait, it was). With increasing maturity and self-awareness, Beyonce blows all the other female pop and R&B albums released this year out of the water.

— by Matt Schofield



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Shopping thriftily

THRIFT *from page 5*

The closest thrift store in which Losen and other college thrifters may be found is the CHKD store located off of Monticello Avenue in the Williamsburg Shopping Center. The thrift store provides aid to a children's hospital in Hampton in an effort to help families that cannot afford insurance or the cost of prescription medicine. Students comb through the rows of women's and men's apparel so regularly that Theresa, a cashier, has come to expect several students a day. She welcomes



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Ryan Morris '12 scours the racks at the local CHKD thrift store in Williamsburg.

each sale — from a 98-cent pair of teddy bear earrings to a 45-inch TV — as an independent act of good will in support of her store's cause.

"Sometimes taking care of sick children takes years and years, and now the less-fortunate families of these young people can stay in a hospital without paying almost anything," Theresa said. "Each time someone buys even the littlest thing, they're doing a good deed."

Experienced CHKD thrifter and director of the College's costume department Patricia Wesp knows what a campus costume sale or a successful thrift store trip can mean to the construction of a wedding dress or ball gown or even a raggedy pair of farmer's overalls. Wesp's costuming of last summer's production of "Othello" performed at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall was the product of a combination of thrifting and original construction.

"Desdemona had one peignoir ensemble for what was supposed to be her wedding night," Wesp said. "She basically comes out at the end of the ball and stands there and looks stunningly beautiful and all the guys get a hard-on and she says 'honey, come to bed.' The body of the nightgown was made from one wedding gown with the sleeves ripped out. Then there was a layer overtop of that which was sort of a sheer peignoir thing that came from a thrift store. Applied to the surface of that was about \$350 worth of lace that we had bought in New York from three years ago to make a decorative border."

Wesp agrees that luck is a major



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Sandi Wetzel '11 and Ryan Morris '12 eagerly search for unique additions to their wardrobe. The local Children's Hospital King's Daughter thrift store provides aid to a children's hospital in Hampton to help families that cannot afford medical expenses.

factor in finding good clothes and resources from thrift stores, but she also credits the store's selectivity in what it accepts from donors.

"When I was a child, our church had a consignment shop, and so I remember from a very tiny age waiting in line with my mother to consign things," she said. They were very, very meticulous. Sometimes they would reject things for apparent

invisible damage to the point that the snoot factor was even in evidence."

Indeed the snoot factor prevents many from taking serious advantage of what local area thrift stores have to offer. More so than snootiness, intimidation stands in the way of what could be successful shopping experiences.

Almost everyone has a friend who thrift store-shops with the

unfathomable ability to put together high-fashion outfits from pieces of clothing to which some would never give a second glance. However, many students at the College discovered that thrifting is not designed for a particular type of person and that anyone can, at any time, benefit from resources only a bus ride away. The thrift store doors are always open.

Depressed Kanye disappoints

KANYE *from page 5*

way it straddles hip-hop, the highly avant-garde and experimental. It is a direction that questions how listeners categorize hip-hop or music in general. He creatively leans toward throwback music from the '80s with the usage of the Roland TR-808 drum machine, pushing through with his looming, dark lyricism. "Life is not fair," he laments on "Street Lights," as if he just came to that disheartening conclusion.

Other tracks contain similar lyrical content of relationship woes, the death of his mother and other troubled, bitter experiences. In his first single, "Love Lockdown," strong, pulsating drums fill every corner of the song, while Kanye's voice quivers and echoes about doubtful love locked with the price of fame. It is a polyrhythmic manifesto, pulsed with hammering piano chords, but it doesn't quite fit on radio stations.

"Welcome to Heartbreak," another vulnerable track, begins with dismal, minor strings and bleeds into a simple drum beat, vocally showcasing the lonely repercussions of choosing fame over normalcy. "Look back on my life and my life gone / Where did I go wrong?" he asks.

"Robocop" is the only track that diverts from the depressing carnage on this album. Funny and sarcastic, Kanye's robotic voice, humming over whirling machines, describes the horror-story of an ex-girlfriend who, "turned his life into Stephen

King." Kanye also features Young Jeezy and Lil' Wayne on the album, both using their scruffy, guttural voices for moral support, assisting Kanye's broken psyche on tracks, "Amazing" and "See You in My Nightmares."

Kanye is doing a lot of self-loathing, and minimal gawking, over subjects that he used to rap about (Louis Vuitton, Chi-town). It is his emotionally stripped album, with a sense of lyrical and musical abandon: spastic and wrenching yet courageous, melancholy yet introspective. In some respect, the album is not for the fans but for his own mending process. Another smug assertion from Kanye? No, just a peek into his inner, conflicted self.



OLIVIA WALSH — THE FLAT HAT

Taking advantage of eager lovers

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As a working professional, you can't expect your colleagues to be young, single or ready-to-mingle. You may meet singles at bars, but you're entering at your own risk. You have no way of knowing anything about the random hottie you approach. At least here, when you're at the delis, you can expect the chick you're approaching to be a little nerdy, very smart and touchy about the whole "applying to UVA" thing.

What it comes down to is that the real world is scary. As in, scary because there aren't enough opportunities for safe fucking.

The beacon of hope for our generation is online dating. Services such as match.com and eHarmony are becoming more and more popular. Most of you probably scoff at the idea of using one of these services, but the stigma of needing help in the dating scene is being sloughed off in favor of a modern approach to seeking a mate. Many of my older friends and family have used these services successfully.

But, here's the catch: Online dating is vicious. You may be matched on 1,500 levels of compatibility, but the first thing prospective daters do is check out all of your pictures. Even with Myspace angles, sepia tinting and sixty different shots of your gorgeous face, a dater may find one picture they don't like and fixate on

it. Or they might check out what you've written about yourself and decide that you don't seem that great.

When you meet someone in person, you get the benefit of the doubt. Your personality and charm may win them over, even if they're not used to dating girls who are taller than 5'6". Online dating essentially allows people to filter out potential mates for idiotic reasons. Sure, I'd love to date a man with a body that looks like it's cut from marble, but in real life I'm going to give the guy with a few extra pounds a chance. Whereas on match.com, I'd probably click away and never look back.

Here's an example: What if you are a mustached divorcee who is a former smoker with six kids. Gross, right? I would never go out with a man of that description. But if I met Brad Pitt in person, I'd probably rip my clothes off and tell him to park his pink rocket ship in my garage of love immediately.

The lesson of today's sermon is: Enjoy the college life while you can. I have looked into the crystal ball that is my older cousins' and siblings' dating lives, and the future ain't pretty. Or, at least, it didn't seem pretty from its eHarmony profile pictures.

Maya Horowitz is The Flat Hat sex columnist. She only uses her eHarmony account as a crystal ball to look into the future.

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— 7:30 p.m. Thursday on ESPN



Sound bytes

"It's been like a four-week funeral, but I'm not dead, okay!"

— Tennessee Head Coach Phil Fulmer addressed a crowd before his last game Saturday. Fulmer had been on the Vols coaching staff since 1972.



By the numbers

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— The number of felony weapons charges Plaxico Burress faces after accidentally shooting himself Friday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL

Grimes garners CAA offensive rookie of the year

Do-everything freshman running back Jonathan Grimes earned three separate honors from the CAA Nov. 24. Grimes, who led the CAA in all-purpose yards per game, became the fourth Tribe freshman in history to win the CAA's offensive rookie of the year award. His role as the College's return-man — he averaged 24.5 yards per return and scored one touchdown — brought him first-team CAA honors as a kick returner. Grimes was also named a second-team all-CAA running back. Junior kicker Brian Pate and junior defensive end Adrian Tracy joined Grimes on the conference's first-team. Meanwhile, junior tight end Rob Varno and senior cornerback Derek Cox received second-team all-CAA distinctions. The Tribe also garnered three third team all-CAA honors.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Tribe takes 16th at NCAA Championship meet

With a time of 30:38.1, sophomore Patterson Wilhelm finished 69th to lead the College of William and Mary to a 16th-place finish at the 70th annual NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind. Fighting wet and cold weather conditions, the Tribe had two other runners finish within the top 100 — junior Jon Grey completed the 10-km race in 78th, while fellow junior Colin Leak finished 94th. The University of Oregon won the event, placing three of its runners in the top 10. Oregon senior Galen Rupp won the race and broke the course record with a time of 29:03.02.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Heath spurs College's late rally past Butler

College of William and Mary junior guard Kelly Heath scored eight of her 10 points in the final 5:24 to bring the Tribe back from six down against Butler University at the Holiday Inn & Suites Express Midtown Thanksgiving Tournament in Albuquerque, N.M. Heath recorded the College's final eight points as the Tribe rallied past Butler 53-50. Junior forward Tiffany Benson also scored in double figures for the College, netting 15 points and pulling down 13 rebounds. Benson also led the Tribe in scoring in its 68-51 loss to tournament host New Mexico University in the opening round. Health and sophomore guard Katy Oblinger each recorded five rebounds to lead the Tribe against the Lobos.

— By Andrew Pike and Jamison Shabanowitz

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

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Phillips put Tribe on right track in 2008



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The Tribe defensive line puts pressure on Spiders quarterback Eric Ward.

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"At halftime we said, 'we're just going to keep throwing punches until the last minute.'"

It was a fitting way for the quarterback to describe his final game. After all, Phillips has had to roll with more than a few punches throughout his four-year career.

He replaced legend Lang Campbell '04 when he took over the starting quarterback position during his redshirt freshman season, bringing the Tribe within two one-point losses of the playoffs. His sophomore season was arguably his hardest, as

he completed fewer than 50 percent of his passes while sharing starting duties with then-junior Mike Potts during the College's 3-8 season.

He enjoyed his best statistical year in 2007 as a junior tallying 19 touchdowns and just seven interceptions, while throwing for over 250 yards per game. The Tribe didn't share his success, however, and defensive woes (39 points allowed per game) contributed to a 4-7 finish.

"He is someone who has really persevered," Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said of Phillips prior to the Richmond game. "He came here used to winning, and he's dealt with some frustrating

things that were not his fault.

"He's pushed himself, and really pushed other people in a positive way," Laycock said. "He set the example, and he's a big reason why we've been able to get over the hump this year."

Under Phillips' guidance this season, the Tribe turned in its first winning campaign (7-4, 5-3 CAA) since 2004. Prior to the Richmond loss, he had thrown for 21 touchdowns and 11 interceptions in nine games.

And then, against the Spiders, it seemed like all of Phillips' work over the past four years to get his team to the playoffs had been thrown out the window. Just about everything went wrong for him: he was pressured, he had miscommunications with his receivers, and he completed more passes to Richmond defenders (four) than to his own guys (three) in the first half. At halftime, Laycock, who had never thought about benching Phillips for the second half, offered up some advice.

"You ain't going to play any worse," the former quarterback told his player. "Just get after it and keep going."

That's exactly what Phillips did, and for the next 30 minutes he led his team back. He threw passes on the run, off his back foot and while jumping in the air, making enough plays to keep his team in the game, and finally diving over his offensive line Walter Payton-style for the game-tying, one-yard touchdown run.

Even more impressive than Phillips' second-half performance was that, despite all his struggles, the Tribe never

quit. Playing with their backs against the wall the entire game, the members of the team's "Green Swarm" defense lived up to their preseason nickname, holding the Spiders to zero points in the third and fourth quarters. And, of course, no play was bigger for the Tribe than senior cornerback Derek Cox's 80-yard punt return touchdown with three minutes to go, bringing the College within one score.

What the game demonstrated more than anything else was that through four years of disappointing results, the team had learned how to fight back. And while it's easy for that fact to be forgotten in light of the disappointing end — junior kicker Brian Pate's kick being blocked in overtime and Richmond subsequent connection on a 37-yard game winner — there is perhaps no more fitting tribute to Phillips and the other members of the senior class who brought their team to this point than the resolve and fight they showed that Saturday afternoon.

So it came as no surprise that Phillips, one of the team's season-long leaders, came out to meet reporters after the game. He didn't duck any questions, or make excuses for his first-half struggles. Instead, he offered up what it meant to him to be a member of this years squad.

"I'm just so proud to be a part of a team that's fought through that adversity all year," he said.

Given how far the Tribe came back, both against Richmond and over the past four years, he has an awful lot to be proud of.

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Tribe stumbles late in overtime

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best scoring chances for either team.

In the 57th minute, junior forward Andrew Hoxie slipped the ball to sophomore forward Alan Koger, who ripped a shot from the left side of the box. The ball rang off the near post behind Wake goalie Akira Fitzgerald, but it scattered away from the goal. The Demon Deacons had chances too, finding the crossbar twice and the post once.

Koger had an earlier opportunity to put the College on the scoreboard in the 42nd minute, but the forward could not guide a header into the net. The chance resulted when junior defender Roger Bothe and junior forward Price Thomas combined on a give-and-go down the left flank, freeing Bothe in the corner to turn and loft a cross to an unmarked Koger at the far post.

"We knew going into the game it would be a difficult

game to win," Norris said. "But when you put so much into it, and we performed so well for the majority of the game, to be so close to pulling off what would arguably have been one of the biggest wins in the program's history and then falling just short was draining emotionally."

In third round NCAA Tournament action, defending national champion Wake Forest moved on with a resounding 7-0 defeat of Dartmouth University. The score augments the Tribe's accomplishments against the Deacons and bodes well for its future.

Senior captain and midfielder Doug McBride and senior forward Nathan Belcher have exhausted their eligibility, but 24 players on the roster are expected to return for the 2009 campaign.

"In terms of the talent and the ability of the guys we have remaining, I am really excited," Norris said. "I think the sky's the limit in terms of what they are capable of."



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Senior midfielder Doug McBride

Senior leads by example



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Nov. 6, only the second Tribe player to achieve that honor.

What makes her feat even more remarkable is the fact that before she arrived on campus, Daly had never seen Lauer play.

"I wasn't committed to play anywhere by April of my senior year," Lauer said. "I was deciding between William and Mary and Duke. I had contacted [Daly] before, but he had never expressed an interest in having me on his team. But I told him I got into the school and was interested in playing soccer."

Lauer told Daly she would be playing that weekend in a tournament at Bull Run with her club team. Daly couldn't make the tournament, so he asked a friend for a favor.

"The Georgetown [University] coach was the coach of the team against which Abby was playing," Daly said. "So I called him and asked him if he would take a look at her and tell me what he thought.

"He called me right after the game to tell me, 'You need to get this kid.'"

Due to injuries and the loss of defensive players to graduation, Lauer ended up starting right away and never relinquishing her place in the Tribe's lineup. She started all 86 matches of her career — the only College senior to accomplish that feat.

"It doesn't happen that often," Daly said. "You kind of hope you are going to get those kind of players, because you know by the time they are juniors and seniors that they are going to be very, very good players."

As a sophomore, Lauer tied for fourth in the CAA in assists. As a junior, she anchored a Tribe backline which finished seventh in the nation in goals against average on her way to earning third-team All-CAA honors.

Lauer also earned ESPN The Magazine third-

team Academic All-American honors as a senior, while majoring in biology and minoring in French.

"There are times when it's really hard to make it balanced," Lauer said. "We spend away trips where we'll take over the lobby of the hotel with all of our books. It's little stuff like that, deciding when to stay in on a certain night and study as opposed to watching TV."

This past summer, Lauer worked as a Congressional Affairs Liaison in the French Embassy, while playing for the semi-pro soccer team, the Northern Virginia Majestics. She would go from speaking "probably 25 percent French" at the French Embassy, where she prepared briefing booklets during the day, to competing in the highest level of women's soccer in the United States at night.

"A lot of times I'd come straight out of Georgetown to go to practice," Lauer said laughing. "That was crazy."

Lauer also took the LSATs in hopes of applying to law school, although pinning down exactly what she wants to do next year has proved harder than slipping a cross past the Tribe's defense.

"She's planning on going to France for a year to teach English because she loves France," Milam said. "She loves French culture. She loves the country and she loves kids, so why not go spend a year and go teach when she's unattached and has nothing better to do with her life."

Lauer has also expressed interest in trying out for the Women's Professional Soccer league, which starts play in April 2009. Milam says she would be supportive of a career in soccer, but knows her roommate's athletic success doesn't define her.

"Being a soccer player gets her the fame and attention on campus, but everything else [she does] is great [tool]," Milam said.

Lauer is set to face a new series of challenges — law school, France, professional soccer — but it is her competitiveness that will lead her to success.

Just look at what she has done for the Tribe.



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Sophomore forward Alan Koger

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Tribe's NCAA tourney run ends at no. 1 Wake

College takes Demon Deacons to overtime, falls 1-0 to defending national champions

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Despite holding the nation's top-ranked offense scoreless in regulation, the College of William and Mary could not put up any points against no. 1 Wake Forest University. The Demon Deacons tallied the winning goal in the first overtime to secure a 1-0 triumph in the NCAA Tournament's second round. The overtime goal resulted from

a scrum in front of Tribe sophomore keeper Andrew McAdams in the 95th minute. The Demon Deacons' leading scorer, Cody Arnoux, corralled a loose ball and slipped it under an outstretched McAdams. For the College, the loss marked the end of an encouraging season. The Tribe finished with its best record (11-7-3) since the 2002 campaign, while advancing to the NCAA Tournament second round for the eighth time in school history.

"It was obviously disappointing to lose, but it was a great culmination of our season," Head Coach Chris Norris said. "It was arguably our best performance of the year. The thing that was most rewarding to me was that we played with them. We didn't sit back. We had a fair amount of possession. We created some good chances and we defended extremely well." The Demon Deacons held a lopsided 22-6 shot advantage over the Tribe, yet barely nudged the College in the shots

on goal category with a 5-3 margin. Coming into the contest, Wake Forest averaged 3.4 goals per game and had been held scoreless in regulation only twice all season. "They are as good as an attacking team as I've seen in a while in college soccer," Norris said. "We didn't allow them to get behind us, so a lot of their shots were shots from distance." The College registered some of the

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FOOTBALL

A good comeback spoiled



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COMMENTARY

Phillips, Tribe never quit in 2008

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Jake Phillips stared back into the camera light. The College of William and Mary's senior quarterback had just completed one of the most frustrating games of his career, a six-interception performance in an overtime loss to the University of Richmond. He didn't know at the time, but it would be his final collegiate game, as the defeat would ultimately keep the Tribe out of the FCS playoffs. After the game, he faced the unenviable task of answering the questions of a roomful of newspaper reporters and television cameramen. "It was tough in the first half," Phillips said.

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The Tribe's overtime loss to Richmond: a timeline

Tribe 0, Richmond 7 — 2:13 1st quarter

Defense keeps the College in the game, forcing a Spiders' punt and a missed field goal. Senior quarterback Jake Phillips' first interception puts Richmond in position for first TD.



Tribe 3, Richmond 20 — 5:00 3rd quarter

After 40 scoreless minutes, the College puts three points on the scoreboard on junior Brian Pate's 32-yard field goal, finally giving Tribe fans something to cheer about.



Tribe 20, Richmond 23 — Final

College rides into overtime with all the momentum after its 20-point comeback. The Tribe gets the ball first, failing to earn a first down. Pate lines up for his third field goal of the day, but Spider defensive end Sherman Logan blocks the kick. Four plays later, Richmond kicker Andrew Howard knocks home the game-winning field goal from 37 yards.

First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Overtime
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Tribe 0, Richmond 17 — 3:34 2nd quarter

Richmond Derek Hatcher returns Phillips' fourth interception of the half 35 yards for a touchdown. Phillips completed three passes to his Tribe teammates in the first half, while tossing four interceptions and losing one fumble as the College's offense flounders.



Tribe 20, Richmond 20 — 0:18 4th quarter

The Tribe defense stands its ground, forcing five straight Richmond punts. After another Pate field goal, senior Derek Cox splits two defenders and races 80 yards for a touchdown, electrifying the crowd and putting the Tribe back in the game. Then back-up quarterback R.J. Archer elevates to recover the ensuing outside kick. Phillips directs the Tribe on a game-tying scoring drive, sneaking in from one yard out for a TD.

SPORTS FEATURE

Lauer wins on, off field for Tribe

Senior defender complements her athletic achievements with academics

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It did not look good for College of William and Mary Head Coach John Daly. His Tribe was down 1-0 to Virginia Commonwealth University with less than three minutes remaining when the ball made its way to senior back Abby Lauer. "We were losing 1-0 on national TV and we're all sitting there on the bench thinking 'I can't believe we're losing this game,'" Daly said. "Then suddenly she took the game by

the scruff of the neck." Lauer brought the ball down the right side and served it into the box for senior forward Claire Zimmeck. Game tied, 1-1. Two minutes later, Lauer served the ball into the box for junior forward Kelly Jenkins. "Bang, goal," Daly said. "We win." As Daly learned throughout Lauer's four-year career, Lauer does not like to lose. This exists not only in her soccer career, but also translates to her academics. Just ask her roommate. "She was in biology class, and she got extra credit for finding typos in the textbook because

the professor wrote the textbook," senior Sarah Milam, Lauer's roommate of four years, said. "There was one point where she got tired of studying for the exam so she was like, 'I'm just going to look for typos.' She would read out sentences and be like, 'Can you say that? Is that grammatically correct? Write it down. I think that's half a point.'" Lauer's competitive nature has led to honors both on the field and in the classroom. She was named CAA co-defensive player of the year



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Senior defender Abby Lauer

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